

1000 CDFA DIVISION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS

1000 OVERVIEW

The Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Division of Fairs and Expositions (F&E), provides fiscal and policy oversight of the network of California fairs and ensures the best use of available funding and other services.

1001 FAIR OVERSIGHT

California law assigns regulatory authority and responsibility for oversight of fairs to the CDFA. The CDFA delegates oversight responsibility of the network of California fairs to F&E. This includes the following (B&P Code Sections 19606.1 and 19620):

- Manage and monitor the solvency of the Satellite Wagering Account and the Fair and Exposition Fund.
- Distribute available state resources to the network of California fairs for local (base) allocations, health and safety repair projects, major maintenance projects, revenue generating projects and wagering facility improvement.
- Create a framework for administration of the network of California fairs, allowing for maximum autonomy and local decision making authority.
- Support continuous improvement of fair programs to ensure California fairs remain highly relevant community institutions.
- Ensure annual fiscal audits and biennial compliance audits are performed.

F&E provides varying levels of oversight depending on the fair type. The following are just a few examples:

Oversight of DAA's	Oversight of Non-DAA's
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve annual budgets.• Conduct annual fiscal and biennial compliance audits.• Review annual end-of-year statements of operations.• Approve contracts and bid packages.• Survey and recommend facility maintenance and improvement projects.• Facilitate personnel transactions.• Analyze fair-related legislation.• Provide legal and general advice to boards of directors and staff.• Provide daily operational oversight to fairs experiencing managerial, fiscal, or operational challenges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve annual budgets.• Review annual fiscal audits.• Review annual end-of-year statements of operations.• Review and approve carnival requests for proposals.• Review contractual agreements between the fair organization and host counties (in the case of county fair organizations).

1002 RELATED GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES¹

1002.1 State Government

- Joint Legislative Committee on Fairs Allocation and Classification (**JLC**) – In 1993, the Legislature reactivated the JLC. Membership on the JLC is comprised of seven Senators and seven Assembly Members. The JLC reviews and approves the annual Expenditure Plan prepared by F&E for the network of California fairs and holds hearings as part of its fact-finding and study process regarding issues which impact fairs.
- California Department of Food & Agriculture (**CDFA**) – A state agency responsible for the oversight of California's agricultural industry, including the network of California fairs.
- Division of Fairs and Expositions (**F&E**) – a Division of the CDFA that provides fiscal and policy oversight of the network of California fairs and ensures the best use of available funding and services.
- California Horse Racing Board (**CHRB**) – License racing associations, simulcast wagering facilities, and all persons, other than the public at large, who participate in a horse race meeting; adopt rules and regulations for the protection of the public; and control horse racing and parimutuel wagering.
- District Agricultural Association (**DAA**) – Holds fairs, expositions, and exhibitions to highlight various industries, enterprises, resources, and products of the state.
- California Exposition and State Fair (**Cal Expo**) – A state agency in Sacramento responsible for holding the annual California State Fair, expositions and exhibitions to highlight various industries, enterprises, resources, and products of the state.

1002.2 Other Public Entities

- County Fairs – Holds fairs to highlight a county's natural and agricultural resources.
- Citrus Fruit Fairs – Holds annual fairs to celebrate the citrus fruit harvest.

¹ Refer to the handbook titled Network of California Fairs Board of Director's Overview for additional information.